## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-249-C - ORDER NO. 97-846

OCTOBER 2, 1997

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IN RE: Request of BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. for Waiver of COCOT Guidelines.

) ORDER ) GRANTING ) WAIVER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. on behalf of Summerville High School (Summerville) for a waiver of our COCOT Guidelines, so that incoming calls into Summerville's payphones may be blocked. The request was co-signed by an officer of the Summerville Police Department.

The grounds for request of the waiver are that Summerville wishes to ensure the safety and security of its employees and others. By blocking incoming calls, Summerville hopes to deter loitering and potential criminal activity.

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We have examined this matter, and agree that the waiver should be granted because of the above-stated reasons. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

(SEAL)